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RUSH BOX6

Hysteria

V invading the nerves & muscles chiefly instead of the blood vessels ~~chiefly~~, or ~~to [illegible]~~ to make use of a plain simile - it is Gout in the light form of ~~[illegible]~~ air, instead of ~~[illegible]~~ water or ice - or to use

~~Another simile - it is Gout~~ =

‡ It accords with the gout ~~nearly in the remedies of Gout & Hysteria~~ - 1 in its Causes. 2 in being attended with paroxysms & no paroxysms but always chronic 3 In ~~attacking~~ affecting the whole body. & 4 in being hereditary - 5 In ~~all its forms debility - morbid excitement - spasm - convulsion &c~~ 5 ~~In bringing other systems into the sympathy~~

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Hysteria - formerly ~~called~~ Vapours nervous disease &c

I adopt this term in Conformity to Custom. It is a form of disease confined chiefly to the ner=ves muscles - ~~nervous system~~ - & alimentary canal, ~~&~~ ~~It~~ now & then affects the bloodvessels. I know of no difference between the morbid actions which take place in Hysteria & in what is called Gout. ~~They are both the effects of the same predisposing and exciting causes.~~ There is no more reason to call morbid actions in the nerves & muscles - and bowels by a specific name, than there is to call fevers by different names, when they occupy different viscera ‡. I said formerly, women were more subject to Gout than men. 'The frequency of Hysteria, & its numerous 'Symptoms abundantly prove this to be the case. It is Gout = not in broadcloth as it appears in men, but in the more

∨ so correctly and ably described by Dr Blackmore that I shall read his history of it. I am ~~the more~~ induced ~~Disposed~~ to do so, that you may the better ~~set~~ ~~the~~ be prepared to judge of the ~~correctness of the~~ theory I have given of the Disease. from p:102 to 112 — Resembles Eolus agitating the Ocean. It is

— Epilepsy in nerves - muscles & bowels - but not in bloodvessels.

∨ alternately succeeding each other, and accompanied with opposite passions and emotions of joy, sorrow, love & hatred, hope and despair]

+ ~~I~~ in which state they lie for sometime they grasp their hands. fix their teeth, - & come too with convulsions in the limbs sobbing - crying, and a deep groan which generally terminates the fit.

Sometimes the fit comes on wth exquisite pain in the head. back stomach & bowels - ~~them~~ they extend to the ~~muscles~~ limbs where they create hysteric Rhumatism - wch continues for days & weeks. ~~& then sometimes ends in~~ these pains are seated in

11 ~~[illegible]~~ Disease

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loose, and flowing dress of fine muslin and
a fitt of
tiffany: the Symptoms of Hysteria are
~~a~~ rumbling noise in the belly, a sense of a
globe revolving in the abdomen towards
called globus hystericus,
the Stomach and fauces — a sense of Strangulation,
a Coldness on the head, called Clavis hystericus,
Convulsions, pale Urine, laughing, Screaming
faintness,
Sobbing & crying ~~[illegible]~~ Sleepiness, ~~and an appearance re-~~
~~sembling death~~ and now & then Asphixia

In the Intervals of a fitt, it assumes all
mania —
the forms of Chronic diseases — as Epilepsy,
~~palpitation of the heart~~ — convulsions — Vertigo —
Apoplexy — Hemiplegia — Colic, Colera morbus

Cough, Angina — Dyspnoea — palpitation of ye
Lumbago ~~headach~~
the heart, Ischia ~~Lumbago~~ — Rheumatism —
twitching & coldness of the limbs, ~~especially feet~~ —
~~head-Ach~~ — a Salivation — Swellings of the
cramps of head — and back. — locked Jaw —
face, legs, and throat resembling dropsy,
but differing from it in ~~not~~ being more
transient, and ~~going down as~~ appearing
most in the morning, instead of the night.
~~The pulse during this time seldom [illegible]~~

the skin — membranes & muscles, but do not like
the Gout invade — joints — or ~~ligaments~~ — they end
in [illegible]. Again — ~~[illegible] the~~ fits come
on with convulsions resembling epilepsy —
— again the belly swells — & winds issues
from it with an alarming noise. each
of these forms of fits are analagous to fits
of the Gout; ~~but different from it only in
invading the nerves & muscles~~ — while its
chronic symptoms — are analagous to the
chronic symptoms of Gout, but different
from it in invading nerves & muscles, while
what is called Gout affects the blood vessels
chiefly — tho' often the same parts as hysteria.
In short they ought to be called one disease.

See Blackmore & read from p: 102 to 112
mobility what — his "~~[illegible]~~ irrit'y combined — but Hysteria
depends on each — ~~[illegible]~~ irritability.

✓ Do not suppose Hysteria exists in
paroxysms & intervals only such as I have
described. There are paroxysms & no disease
in their intervals, and chronic forms of it wont
any paroxysms.

A The mind under all these forms of nervous, and muscular disease partakes of the mobility of the body. It is capricious, & fickle in all its pleasures. Attachments & pursuits – ~~and~~ so much so as to ~~seem~~ be (to use the words of Dr Sydenham) "constant only in inconstancy". A disposition to laugh loud, or often, and upon trifling occasions, belongs to an hysterical Constitution. It is so deeply seated in some persons, as to elude the command of their wills, and to appear at times & in places that do not accord with it. The late Revd Mr Duche was so forcibly affected with it the last years of his life, that he laughed at every thing he said, or did. Even in middle life, his wife informed me, he was often obliged to pinch himself severely from p 5

✓ Its becoming so, generally suspends all the symptoms of the disease. Dr Whyt mentions the case of this kind in ~~of~~ a lady of 30 years of age, whose pulse from being weak suddenly became full & active. she was ~~[illegible]~~ became at the same time Deli-rious, or maniacal. The disease here was translated from the nerves to the blood vessels of the brain. While I thus confine Hysteria to the nervous system - take notice - it +sometimes exists combined with all the other systems of the body.

A Great or "Canine Appetite coming on suddenly suspends all the symptoms of Hysteria as certainly as a full or tense pulse, and why? ~~It~~ because it attracts & concentrates morbid excitement in the Stomach. (a)

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in Order to check a propensity to laugh at some trifling idea, or Object that occur=
=red to his imagination or his eyes, while he was in the pulpit & addressing his Congregation upon the most serious subjects.

~~The~~ Hysteria affects ~~persons~~ women from puberty to the time in which the menses cease. I have seen it in two sisters — the One but 2, & the Other but six years old. It ~~of~~ is not confined to delicate habits. We sometimes see it in masculine female Constitutions.

It is distinguished from all the chro=
=nic forms of disease (which it is said counterfeits) by being confined chiefly to the ~~nervous~~ nerves & muscles ~~systems~~. Hence the pulse even in a paroxysm is seldom full or tense. In its intervals, the pulse is for the most part natural, except in those cases in which it obtains the

It is distinguished from Epilepsy in its predispositions by not affecting the brain, or bloodvessels at all, or in a very feeble manner.

⊙ This mobility depends upon an excess of both sensibility & irritability in the nervous & muscular systems.

√ 5 By not being attended with durable ~~instability~~ alienation of mind. In Hysteria – it is transient, and going off w: the a fit of the Disease. #

From the history and marks which I have given of this disease, you will perceive that it is a superficial One. It is confined chiefly to the nerves & muscles. Compared with the diseases wh: affect the blood vessels, it is like ~~paint~~ pictures in water Colors, ~~compared~~ with pictures in Oils or Mosaic Work. After ~~they~~ it ~~have~~ has continued a While it ~~they~~ sinks deeper into the system & produces Hypocon-
or a general state of [illegible] which might have been
-driasis – when deeper it produces ~~obstructs~~ morbid Action in
called Hysteralgia.
the blood vessels – ~~[illegible]~~ or of the Viscera. If this

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name of Hysteria plethorica.

(a) It is distinguished from what is called Hypocondriasis
1 by the peculiar mobility of the ~~body~~ nervous system, and instability of the mind. ~~also~~ –
2 By being worst in warm weather, & most common in warm Climates.
3 By affecting women, more than men.
4 By ~~the~~ a swelling or sensation in the thyroid gland called Globus hystericus.
~~5 By it~~
6 ~~By~~ the absence of Dyspepsia.

Take notice – they often blend their Symptoms together – as I shall say hereafter. They often succeed each other, and now & then alternate with each other. Hysteria often precedes Hippocond: and Hyppocond: often goes of in Hysteria.

The remote Causes of Hysteria ~~are~~ ~~such~~ as act upon the body & mind – The 1 are plethora, an inordinate flow, or occurs ~~in the brain~~ phrenetic part the disease is mania - if on the lungs - a nervous asthma - or nervous Consumptn - if on the bowels - a nervous colic. if ~~one~~ on the kidneys Diabetes ~~Azuna~~ - ~~&c~~

(.) The hysteria seldom, perhaps never destroys life while it retains its original Character, but from its frequent though transient visits to ~~vital or~~ organic parts, ~~it~~ in its successive paroxysms, it wears them ~~out~~ down in such a manner, as ~~bring on &~~ induce fatal diseases in them, or predisposes them to disease & death from other causes. ~~return to~~ P. 5 (a) ~~the mode &c~~

[The Diseases - thus induced are called ner=vous - - we have nervous Consumptn nervous Asthma - nervous Colic &c but they are as really, diseases of the blood vessels - or of other ~~pr~~ systems besides the nervous as if they had originated from Cold - &c. Do not Gout & fevers induce visceral diseases? & Do we or ought we to call them Gouty Consumptn &c or febrile Consumptn - no - no - all Disease - a unit.

Obstruction of the menses. fluor albus. ~~Dyspepsia~~ - Obstructed viscera - worms - chlorosis - strong drinks, & strong tea. It is from ~~the~~ two last, that it prevails so much in Kitchens, as well as in the chambers of high life. 2 the remote causes which act upon the mind are ~~lust~~ anger, malice, envy, love, Jealousy, and strong venereal desires.

Its exciting causes are; any of its re=mote causes, apply~~ing~~ with sudden, or unusual force. also Offensive smells - impure Air, - fatigue, - Joy, terrors & even surprise, or a sudden impression of any of the passions which were enumerated among its ~~predisposing~~ remote causes. ⓘ

From the history that has been given of the symptoms, and causes of this disease, you will see at once, that its predisposing cause is debility in the nerves & alimentary

It consists in
Canals. ~~and its proximate~~ - feeble excite=
=ment with a undue proportion of
~~or mobility~~
excitability floating thro the system
~~constituting what I have called mobility~~.
~~There is the System the~~ An excess of irri=
I have said
=tability & sensibility combine in ~~the~~
production of this predisposition [~~It~~
has been called when thus combined
by Dr Cullen mobility].

[Its proximate cause like that
of all other diseases is morbid excitement
in ~~nearly~~ all the ~~its~~ forms of spasm, convulsion,
suffocated excitement - heat - & itching].

Cure. ~~p. 435 no~~ 10.

This divides itself into two heads.
I The Remedies proper in a paroxysm.
II The Remedies proper in the intervals
of the paroxysms.
I to the this belongs 1 V.S. When the

System is plethoric, which is generally the
Case when it arises from obstructed menses,
or where it occurs in persons with good appe-tites.

2 Opening & Stimulating Glysters: Asafoetida
sh^d be combined with them.

3 Stimulating Odors applied to the nose such as
Sp^t LL: burnt feathers, & Asafoetida. A physician
in new England after having tried the above
Odors to no purpose, ~~to no purpose~~, pulled off
his boot, & applied his toes smoking with the
foetid sweat of his feet, to the nose of his
patient. She immediatily recovered. The more
common odors had probably lost their good
effects from habit.

4 Pediluvium. 5 Mustard & Garlic to the feet.

6 As a great deal of the ~~distress~~ pain of a patient in
a fit of this disease arises from air pent up
in the bowels, it should be discharged by
fixing a Glyster pipe in the Anus. Such

is the force of the retrograde motion of the bowels, that the Sphincter Ani has been known to snap off the pipe, & to draw it several inches up the bowels.

~~as soon as the patient is able to~~

~~soon~~ If all these Remedies fail, & the fit should take the form of Asphixia, the ~~nostril~~ soles of the feet & the nostrils sh^d. be tickled, or water should be dropped upon the upper lip. But of these remedies I shall say more under the head of Asphixia.

As soon as the patient is able to swal-
-low, Laud^m ~~Opiates~~, or flour & water should be given. The latter ~~&~~ is usefull in discharging wind from the Stomach.

11 The Remedies proper to prevent a return of the paroxysms of Hysteria are ~~+~~ Tonics. These are 1 the Cold Bath. Mr Pannie speaks highly of infusing patients subject to this

V Acids - whether in Vinegar or pickles sh^d. be forbidden in the diet of hysterical pa-tients. even an apple has sometimes been hurtful. ~~Milk from the acid it evolves in the Stomach is often hurtful.~~ Acids from all their sources destroy the natural contractility of the nerves & induce in them a morbid irritability. But these are cases which forbid cordial Diet - & even stimulating & tonic medicines. These are where patients become feverish. Here they' must be suspended till the fever is removed. Whey - and mild aliment is proper at this time. Dr Tissot mentions cures being performed by a diet exclusively of Runnet Whey. It was in habits too irritable to bear the stimulus of any other food. Dr Sydenham cured it by a milk diet. These mild aliments are proper when there is reason to believe any acid humor affects the nervous system. -

Pleurisie

disease for ~~twenty four~~ hours 10 in cold water.

2 The cordial gums. These are Asafoetida – Galbanum myrrh & Sagapenum. ~~[illegible]~~, Asafoetida is the most powerful of them all – in pills – spirit: tinc-ture & watery solution.

3 Bitters of all kinds.

4 Certain metals – such as the different prepara-tions of Iron Copper – Zinc ~~[illegible]~~, Lead – and Arsenic. Iron should be preferred where worms are suspected. They are sometimes a remote or exciting cause.

5 Stimulating plasters to the bowels. Galbanum is used, and with great advantage for this purpose.

6 ~~Compressions~~ Bandages bound round the limbs, and whole body. They give tone to the muscular System. Vanswieten first suggested them. I have known them twice used with success.

7 The diet should be solid & cordial, but not nourishing, if the ~~System~~ blood vessels are brot into ~~[illegible]~~ Sympathy, and become plethoric. If they are not plethoric the diet may be cordial, & nourishing.

8 Exercise, especially on horse back.

9 Labor. Remember in the use of all these remedies to ~~pleasure~~ the System and to combine cord.ˢ suitably to y debility of each of them

10 the Constant pursuit of some — p: 11

11. ~~187~~ pleasure a

= invigorating Object – Eg: a garden is the ^ business of a Woman – she sh^d be engaged in the love and acquisition of seeds – roots & flowers from distant parts of the world, – Women should likewise be invited to the care of a family. The ~~more~~ larger the better. Here good housewives are never troubled with the hysterichs. – They ~~chiefly~~ affect those mistresses of families chiefly who have no care upon their minds – & who spend their time in idle, or debilitating pleasures. A lady in this city who was much afflicted with the hysteria from the above causes, asked a sensible female friend "what she sh^d do to get rid of her all her diseases & distresses". "Go (said her friend) & fall down on your knees & ask the Almighty for some *real* trouble, & that will soon cure you of all your imaginary diseases & distresses"! – 11th The excitement of a some steady passion. turn over to p. 12

Fear & grief have often cured hysteria.

They act by ~~concentrating~~ fixing the mind to one subject, and thus absorb, and ~~concentrate~~, those weak morbid actions which are produced by the mind, in its variable state in other parts of the body. ~~root~~ I have several times known the death of a ~~boy~~ Child cure Hysteria in a mother. Any pursuit, or Object which ~~fixes the~~ absorbs & concentrates all the faculties of the mind has the same effect. Dr Cullen used to say there was no Hysteria in Scotland in the year 1745 It was the year of the last Rebellion in that Country during which time every woman thought only of the fate of a husband, a Son, or a Brother. I once heard the Revd Mr Whitefield say that a woman the wife of an London Apothecary ~~had~~ was suddenly ~~lost all symptoms~~ cured of the Hysteria & ~~in~~ all its forms by becoming a methodist. The principles & duties of this new sect absorbed v and concentrated all the faculties of her mind. Lady Rachel Ruſsel recollect, was cured of ~~12 a Cold Climate, & 13 Matrimony. I have often known it~~ an hysterical head ach which she had had for many years, by the grief and distreſs which followed the execution of her beloved Husband Lord Wm. Ruſsel.

12 a change of Climate. A Cold Climate should be preferred to a warm One.

13 Matrimony. I have known Hysteria cured by this remedy, especially where it had been followed by Child bearing. But where this is not the case, it often cures by creating real care, and uniform & concentrated pursuits. I am aware this remedy is forbidded by Tissot - Mandeville - and Lynch - but it can be only in persons ~~too debilit~~ of habits too debilitated to be cured by most other remedies. ~~All remedies for all its effects in the viscera - formerly mentioned.~~ This Disease requires perseverance

=in the Use of All the Remedies that have
been mentioned for not weeks – and
months only but years ~~It claims~~
~~requires~~ in order to cure it. In short
our business is not so much
~~we must aim to remove~~ to remove
a disease – as to change the Constitu=
=tion by ~~un~~ correcting its nervous ~~tem~~=
& alimenty
~~=perament~~. predispositions.

Hysteria is sometimes cured by
time – when this is the case, it is
yielding to some other
performed by the nervous ~~temperament~~ ~~[illegible]~~
predisposition, but ~~if~~ it oftner end in ~~or by~~
~~yielding to a disease~~ ~~in~~ a disease,
Hippocondiasis from
the nerves wearing themselves down
from the laxum to the strictum
sometimes terminates I have
state — It ~~Often ends~~ as ~~in~~ Apoplexy
said in organic diseases such
&
Palsy - Epilepsy - Dropsy - madness, ~~Death~~
and in ~~a~~ very other disease which it is said to be
counterfeit
~~by~~ affecting the Arterial system. In those

Cases you are to treat them as if they had originated from Other Causes by the Remedies formerly recommended for those Diseases, and by no means to be Deterred from doing so by being told that their causes were nervous, or hysterical. Recollect the remote Causes of a Disease is a Unit as well as its proximate Cause. Thus Arterial Diseases encroach on Nerves - Why not nervous, on the Arteries? Recollect how Often I have mentioned Hysteria & Hypocond^{a}: as predisposing Causes of deep seated organic diseases.